

NH EMS MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services
Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Concord, NH

MINUTES OF MEETING (Approved) November 19, 2015

- Members present:** James Suozzi-Chair; Kenneth Call, Trevor Eide, David Hirsch, Frank Hubbell, Patrick Lanzetta, Joseph Leahy, Douglas McVicar, Joshua Morrision, Michelle Nathan, Thomas Trimarco, and Harry Wallus
- Members absent:** John Seidner and Brian Sweeney
- Bureau staff:** Bureau Chief Nick Mercuri, Deputy Chief Jon Bouffard, Captains: Vicki Blanchard, Chip Cooper, and Shawn Jackson; and Administrative Assistant, June Connor
- Guests:** Brian Allard, Jameson Ayotte, Jeanne Erickson, Steve Erickson, MaryEllen Gourdeau, Thomas Greig, Jason Grey, Mark Hastings, Fred Heinrich, Janet Houston, Eric Jaeger, Jeremy LaPlante, Stephanie Locke, Aaron McIntire, Stacy Meier, and Jason Preston

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM. A quorum was determined to be present with 12 voting members present.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

September 17, 2015 Minutes

Motion made by Frank Hubbell; seconded by Thomas Trimarco – to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2015 MCB meeting; passed unanimously.

Item 1

Bureau and Division Updates – N. Mercuri

Ambulance – specifications are being gathered for this purchase which will include a high fidelity simulator. It is hoped that the new vehicle will be in the fire house by the spring of 2016.

Trauma Registry – went live on Sept. 30th. There are 5 – 6 “real” patients already in the registry.

Trauma System evaluation – slated for February with the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Jon and Vicki are working on an advance questionnaire in preparation for the evaluation.

Active Shooter Conference – Jon Bouffard returned to Texas to attend this conference. A NH version of the course will hopefully roll out in early 2016.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) – rules were changed in September. We already have one application and have been contacted by several organizations regarding this subject.

Video conferencing equipment – working with DOIT challenges at the state level as we work toward getting this system up and running. This will allow for programs being taught at the Academy to be broadcast in other locations. The system is actually working at the 45th Parallel.

Ebola grant – The money from this grant, which is good for 5 years, will be used for infection control. We are working with DHHS right now and should be ready with more information at the next couple of MCB meetings. Hopefully, a part-time person will be hired to oversee this project.

DHHS and the heroin issue – Using grant money, the DHHS contracted with the Bureau of EMS to do some train-the-trainers in order to educate public service groups like the Medical Reserve Corps to do point-of-service naran training at local levels; about 50 people took the program. Within the same grant, 54 law enforcement officers were offered the CPR, First Aid, and Narcan administration modules. At this point, we now have 65 law enforcement officers in the state who are now licensed to administer Narcan.

Rule changes – These changes will be discussed at the Coordinating Board meeting this afternoon (Nov. 19th) and involve such things as splitting the requirement from one I/C to two, requiring email addresses, criminal history record checks for provider licensure and relicensure, the definition of the word “patient” and penalties for false reports concerning investigations.

Item 2

Coordinating Board Update – F. Hubbell

Many of the topics covered at the last CB meeting on September 17th were mentioned in the Bureau Chiefs report above. Other topics included a discussion about board membership and a data advisory committee update given by Chip Cooper. Shawn Jackson also gave a PowerPoint presentation analyzing the trends with instructor/coordinators teaching initial programs.

Here is the link to the minutes from the CB meetings:

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/coordinating/cbminutes.html>

Item 3

Trauma Medical Review Committee – K. Call

The TMRC meeting was held on October 21, 2015. The committee voted to grant St. Joseph Hospital a Level III Adult designation and a Level III Pediatric designation with a provision that within 12 months, a follow up review be done to make sure that a Level II deficiency has been satisfied. The importance of developing a mentoring program for critical access hospitals was also discussed. Finally, the Trauma Conference was a success, but in the future, the committee will look to combine forces with other conferences in the hopes of increasing attendance.

Here is the link to the minutes from the TMRC meetings:

http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/traumamedicalreview/trauma_minutes.html

Item 4

TEMSIS Update – C. Cooper

- January 4, 2016 – turn on date to Elite
- February 1, 2016 – everyone has to cut over
- Service leaders can start to set up their service settings; the log in is the same as the one for TEMSIS.
- Vehicles have not been pushed over yet.

Item 5

Education Section update – S. Jackson

- There has been an increase in the number of refreshers over the summer; we're at 50% of what we have seen historically, which speaks volumes as to the acceptance of the NCCP.
- Pearson VUE mobile exam – We expect to see an increase in the popularity of this program as the March, 2016 deadline draws near.
- Exam results for AEMT going well – 64% first time pass rate and a 76% overall pass rate.
- 87 EMT basics have not yet transitioned, and 67 paramedics need to transition.
- There are 8 – 10 YouTube “how to” videos up on the National Registry website.
- Bureau Chief Mercuri is working with the NR to make changes in their brochure on items that do not affect the state of NH; i.e, the BEMS will *not* be approving continuing education.

Item 6

Drug Diversion Meeting – J. Stewart

Jeff Stewart was not present, so Aaron McIntire gave a summary of the meeting. The committee talked about the rule on end-user dispersal and who needs to scan and barcode lot numbers. At the next meeting, the committee will be building the actual UCDC criteria.

Resource list –This list is continuing to grow. At the next meeting, the committee will come back with an actual product.

Item 7

Cardiac Arrest Summit follow up – V. Blanchard / J. Suozzi

Around 100 people attended the summit at the Fire Academy on October 30th. Speakers included Brian McNally, who spoke on the importance of data collection, Tom Rea, who spoke about the Heart Rescue Project, and David Hiltz, who spoke about the AHA community AEMD and CPR programs. It is hoped that this conference will be a springboard to move things forward. Funding is an issue that needs to be dealt with.

Chair Suozzi asked the board about their thoughts on forming a sub-committee to work on developing the next steps. A discussion ensued, concluding that the CB should be responsible for establishing a sub-committee but that members of the MCB should be on the committee in a joint cooperative venture.

Motion made by Thomas Trimarco; seconded by David Hirsch – to support the formation of a cardiac arrest sub-committee supported by the MCB; passed unanimously.

Item 8

Protocol Committee – V. Blanchard / J. Suozzi

Handouts: [32-A Cardiac Arrest – Adult](#) and [32-A Team Focused CPR – Adult](#)

A discussion ensued as to the wording on these protocols, and some changes were made. The Cardiac Arrest-Adult protocol was discussed first and votes were taken. Concerns were expressed about waiting 8 minutes before using automated CPR. David Hirsch suggested that a compromise was in order, and made the following motion:

Motion made by David Hirsch; seconded by Douglas McVicar – With the goal of immediate, uninterrupted chest compression, if a mechanical device is used, it should not lead to delay or interruption in chest compressions. Consider delayed application. Vote taken: Trevor Eide and Thomas Trimarco opposed; all others in favor; motion passed.

After some word smithing and vote mentioned above, the committee was ready to vote on the protocol:

Motion made by Joseph Leahy; seconded by Trevor Eide - to accept protocol 32-A (Cardiac Arrest – Adult) with the changes that were made; passed unanimously.

The committee worked next on the Team Focused CPR – Adult protocol. The committee discussed train-the-trainer programs regarding this subject being put up on NHOODLE. In addition, some word smithing was done and a discussion ensued as to whether or not this protocol should actually be in the procedures section. In the end, it was kept as a protocol.

Motion made by Joshua Morrison; seconded by Harry Wallus – to accept the Team Focused CPR – Adult protocol with the changes that were made; passed unanimously.

Motion made by Thomas Trimarco; seconded by Joseph Leahy – to support a mid-cycle date to roll out both of the updated cardiac protocols; passed unanimously.

Item 9

Operational Medical Director – J. Suozzi / N. Mercuri

The MCB members discussed the concept of involving medical directors with NH EMS agencies and integrating them within the Bureau of EMS. Nick Mercuri reported that this type of thing has been going on in other parts of the country for 10 – 15 years. At this time, it is not sure whether or not this would require a rule change. The negative side of this issue involves medical directors spending a lot of time in court and dealing with the complications of EMS overlapping regions and insurance. Any medical directors interested in doing this would have to be trained in emergency medical services and be sponsored by a service. It was suggested that committee members look at how PA, NY, and VA does this.

Motion made by David Hirsch; seconded by Thomas Trimarco – to support moving toward a licensure or certification level to enable medical directors to become more integrated into the NH EMS system; passed unanimously.

Item 10

Topics ad libitum

- Vicki Blanchard presented Jim Suozzi with his own personal toy EMS vehicle, complete with siren sound. He needed his very own response vehicle!
- Harry Wallus – Question about bringing lactate meters down to the EMT level. A discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Motion made by Frank Hubbell; seconded by Joseph Leahy – to adjourn the MCB meeting at 11:55AM; passed unanimously.

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 9:00AM
Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy,
Classrooms 5 & 6 in the dormitory**

Future meetings: March 17, May 19, July 21, September 15, and November 17, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

James Suozzi, DO, Chairperson

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